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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 1986, at 5:33 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. (The earlier meeting time was for purposes of an Executive Session.)

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
Councilwoman Hardison arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson,
City Attorney Remelmeyer, and
Staff Representatives.

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Commissioner Hardison arrived at 5:34 p.m. following roll call.

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Considered out of order...

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting having convened at an earlier hour for purposes of an executive session, Mayor Geissert made the following announcement at this time:

The City Council will now recess to a closed executive session to confer with the City Manager regarding the procedures in the City Manager's Office (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6).

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At 5:35 p.m. the City Council recessed to a closed executive session, returning at 7:07 p.m. to resume regular agenda order.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

The salute to the Flag was led by Boy Scout Troop #310 under the direction of James Gordon, Scoutmaster.

Reverend Mark Sandstrom, First Christian Church of Torrance, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of the City Council minutes of July 22, 1986 as recorded.

Councilwoman Hardison seconded the motion, and approval was unanimous by roll call vote.

5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Applegate MOVED that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 15a - CUP 85-45, The Torrance Company/Jack Wade Productions, Inc.:

Request for continuance to August 19, 1986. See Council consideration and the action taken on Page 5.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. INTRODUCTION OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM
SISTER CITY, KASHIWA, JAPAN

Torrance Sister City Association President, Lynn Cauble, spoke briefly about the exchange student program and the following exchange students from Sister City, Kashiwa, Japan, and their leader were introduced by Councilman Nakano, Council liaison person to the Sister City Program:

Students

Ninako Takeuchi
Kyoto Ogata
Asaka Wakanabe
Yuko Hirano
Shuko Mukoyoshi
Yasuhiko Oshida
Yusaku Ichimura
Hideaki Sawano

Leader

Takahiro Sugawara

Each of these students, in turn, briefly commented in English about their stay in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Geissert extended a warm welcome to these visitors from Japan on behalf of the Council and the citizenry of Torrance.

Mr. Takahiro Sugawara, Assistant to the Mayor in Kashiwa and leader of the group, presented Mayor Geissert with a letter, photographs, and a gift from the City of Kashiwa. This presentation was graciously received by Mrs. Geissert, who asked that best regards be extended to Kashiwa Mayor Suzuki.

Prior to leaving the podium, Mrs. Cauble introduced host families and Torrance exchange students present in the audience:

Mrs. Cavagnaro

Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs and daughter
Ms. Terese Condon and daughters

Miss Megan Cavagnaro
Miss Susan Bauer
Miss Jennifer Ando

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Miss Megan Cavagnaro then presented the City with a trophy, the Friendship Prize, won by Torrance exchange students while visiting the Sister City of Kashiwa. Mayor Geissert requested that the trophy be placed in the display case in the City Hall lobby for all to enjoy.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RETENTION OF JAMES M. MONTGOMERY, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW METROPOLITAN SERVICE CONNECTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JAMES M. MONTGOMERY, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., FOR PROVIDING ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT SERVICE CONNECTION T-8

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-193. Councilman Mock seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

Fire Chief DeYoung stated that the sharing of Fire Protection Resources with other jurisdictions would enhance the fire protection of the citizens of the South Bay area.

City Clerk Wilson read title to...

RESOLUTION NO. 86-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO DIRECT THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR "AUTOMATIC AID/INITIAL ACTION" MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-194. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 85-45 - THE TORRANCE COMPANY/JACK WADE PRODUCTIONS, INC.:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an Administrative Appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a lounge/restaurant with dancing and entertainment and the on-site sale of hard liquor in the C-3 Zone on the South side of Carson Street approximately 600 feet West of Madrona Avenue in Del Amo Fashion Center, CUP 85-45 - THE TORRANCE COMPANY/JACK WADE PRODUCTIONS, INC.

Proof of publication was presented by City Clerk Wilson and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Receipt of a request for a continuance to August 19, 1986 was noted by Mayor Geissert.

Councilman Mock SO MOVED to continue CUP 85-45 - The Torrance Company/Jack Wade Productions, Inc. to August 19, 1986.

Prior to a second on his motion, Mayor Geissert asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on this matter. There was no response.

Councilman Nakano seconded the motion for continuance, which now carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 1, 2, 13 and 14.

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- 17b. CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH COX, CASTLE AND NICHOLSON; AND WITH POLLARD, BAUMAN, SLOME AND McINTOSH:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM OF TWO CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH COX, CASTLE AND NICHOLSON AND POLLARD, BAUMAN, SLOME AND McINTOSH

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-195. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

- 17c. AGREEMENT WITH THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986-87:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1986-87

MOTION: Mr. Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-196. Councilwoman Hardison seconded his motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 43210

Subdivider: California Southern Oil Company

Location: Between 235th Street and 235th Place
600' west of Cabrillo Avenue

No. of lots: 8

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

The Engineering Department recommends that Final Tract Map No. 43210 be approved.

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20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Replacement of Air Conditioning Compressor System at Personnel Building

Ref. Bid: No. B86-40

Expenditure: \$16,996.99

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES AND THE ACTING AIR CONDITIONING-HEATING SUPERVISOR:

Inasmuch as staff solicited bids from many sources on this replacement system and to delay this purchase would only result in putting us in a serious situation in the event of failure of the existing system, staff is recommending that we proceed with the purchase and award a contract to the sole bidder, the Kimmel-Motz Refrigeration Corp. in the total amount of \$16,996.99, including tax.

20c. COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT - to Print Quarterly Issues of the City Publication "Recreation Reporter."

Ref. Bid: No. B85-44

Anticipated Expenditure: \$35,676.02 (including tax)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

It is, therefore, recommended that Council approve a one (1) year extension of the current contract with Rogers and McDonald Graphics of Carson, California, for the printing of the "Recreation Reporter" (with pricing, terms and conditions based on BID B85-44). The total anticipated expenditure of the extended contract will be \$35,676.02, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Consent Calendar Items 20a, 20b and 20c. Councilman Nakano seconded the motion and approval by roll call vote was unanimous.

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FROM UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE LIBRARY'S AUTOMATED CIRCULATION SYSTEM AND FROM THE LIBRARY'S TRUST FUND:

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY LIBRARIAN:

The City Librarian RECOMMENDS that Council allocate \$44,400 from the funds remaining from the initial appropriation and \$5,000 from the Library's trust fund for the purchase of eight (8) Apple IIe microcomputers with modem boards and software at a cost of \$32,000, nine (9) Wyse Model 85 terminals at a cost of \$4,000 and one port board at a cost of \$13,400.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the City Librarian's recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21b. LIBRARY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT: JUNE 30, 1985 - JULY 31, 1986:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to accept and file the Library Commission's Annual Report for the period June 30, 1985 to July 31, 1986. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Members of the Library Commission present in the audience were thanked by Mayor Geissert for submitting such a comprehensive report.

21c. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY ON THE AIRPORT HONDA ACURA LEASE SITE:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST
AN EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EDISON COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-197. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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21d. APPROVAL OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TAX ALLOCATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,860,000:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-198

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF ITS INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT TAX ALLOCATION BONDS, SERIES 1986, AND MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS RELATING THERETO

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-198. A second to his motion was provided by Councilwoman Hardison and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21e. AMENDMENT TO CITY MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Inasmuch as the background material to this addendum item was not available to the public, Mayor Geissert explained that Item 21e is a budget item involving the reallocation of the position of (Chief) Assistant to the City Manager to Assistant City Manager and the appropriation of \$3,600.00 from the General Fund reserve for contingencies to provide a salary range for the position of Assistant City Manager.

Mrs. Geissert further explained that Item 21e includes a resolution providing for a salary range for the position of Assistant City Manager and provides for the addition of one Senior Secretary position to the City Manager's office.

Upon request, City Clerk Wilson read title to...

RESOLUTION NO. 86-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES IN WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 86-174

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-199. Councilman Walker seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved concur with the City Manager's recommendation for the addition of one Senior Secretary position to the City Manager's office. Mrs. Hardison seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21f. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY MANAGER'S SALARY:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN
CHANGES IN WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING
CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT
EMPLOYEES AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 86-174

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-200. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and unanimously approved.

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At 7:45 p.m., Councilman Applegate, seconded by Councilman Walker, moved to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The City Council reconvened at 7:48 p.m. to resume regular agenda order.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Congratulations were extended to newly appointed Assistant City Manager Albert Ng by City Attorney Remelmeyer, who opined that Mr. Ng would do a find job for the City.

22b. Councilman Applegate referenced a communication from the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission concerning the possible construction of a 40,000 square foot professional building on Maple and Civic Center Drive.

Observing that previous contact with Supervisor Deane Dana's office relative to the City Council's opposition to commercial development or parking structures in the Civic Center

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Complex have been ineffective, Mr. Applegate recommended the Council take a stronger stand and direct the City Manager to convey its position to Supervisor Dana.

Of major concern to Councilman Applegate was the County's ability to go forward with such a project without consulting the City (per information provided by staff at Mayor Geissert's request). He suggested a motion was in order indicating that the City Council of the City of Torrance is in opposition to the proposed development, said action to be forwarded to Supervisor Dana, and SO MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by unanimous roll call vote as indicated below.

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison (yes, with a question), Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

NOES: None.

Councilwoman Hardison requested and received affirmation from City Manager Jackson that the subject communication will be brought back before the Council at the August 19, 1986 meeting as a formal agenda item prior to its transmittal.

22c. Councilwoman Hardison congratulated Albert Ng on his appointment to Assistant City Manager.

22d. Commenting on his visit to the Ben Haggott reservoir construction site this date, Councilman Nakano observed the magnitude of the project and opined that its completion will greatly improve the City's water capacity.

22e. Information received from staff was noted with interest by Councilman Walker, who asked for follow-up on the Wilson Park ducks.

22f. Recent focused attention on drug abuse problems, especially those involving RTD bus drivers, was observed with concern by Councilman Wirth. He requested feedback from staff on how the City is dealing with the business of drug abuse by City employees, bus drivers in particular. Information requested by Mr. Wirth included programs offered to employees; feedback from staff on things the City should be looking into; and input from different departments such as Transportation, Police, and Personnel. Councilman Wirth also invited employee organizations to comment on the drug abuse problem. Staff will follow-up.

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22g. Mayor Geissert joined her colleagues on the Council in congratulating Albert Ng on his appointment to Assistant City Manager. Mrs. Geissert observed that Mr. Ng brings with him a broad range of expertise in Finance, Land Management and other management skills. She wished him well in his new endeavor.

22h. Mayor Geissert recognized Mr. George Stein, the new Los Angeles Times reporter, who was present in the audience.

22i. Resident of New Horizons, Mr. Dick Johnson, 23059A Nadine Circle, offered to donate ducks from the New Horizons swimming pool to Wilson Park. Parks and Recreation staff will follow through.

22j. While at the podium, Mr. Johnson expressed support for the memorial for officers who died in the line of duty and, on behalf of New Horizons Civic Affairs Committee presented a donation to Acting Police Chief Hone for this purpose.

Mayor Geissert extended thanks to the New Horizon homeowners from their meaningful generosity.

22k. Mr. John Bauman, 4722 Via Corona, who lives adjacent to the Via Corona slide site, expressed concern about the safety and security in this area relative to the fence around the affected property and cars using his driveway as a turn-around. Mr. Bauman requested the City take action to deter traffic and enhance security and offered suggestions to this end. The City Manager will follow through on these problems.

22l. Ongoing City tree problems were reported by Mr. Chris Anderson, 22972 Cabrillo Avenue, who advised that the long-awaited City tree in front on his property died shortly after being planted and he has been unsuccessful in getting this problem corrected. The Street Department will follow through.

22m. Mr. Cor Van Diepen, 2318 El Dorado, reported that a pit bull dog from his neighborhood threatened his wife and children and killed his pet dog. He asked that Council take action to ban pit bull dogs in the City and presented a petition with 60 signatures supporting his request. Acting Director of Building and Safety McElroy was asked to research the matter.

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22n. City Manager Jackson asked that the Assistant City Manager be certified to act in his behalf during his absence.

Councilman Wirth SO MOVED to designate that the Assistant City Manager shall act in behalf of the City Manager in his absence. Councilman Mock seconded the motion, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to...

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following statement was read into the record by Mayor Geissert:

The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following pending litigation cases to which the City is a party. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a):

1. City of Torrance v. Torrance Investment Co., et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C577962.
2. Lincoln Property Company, Inc., v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C607339.
3. Lincoln Property Company v. City of Torrance, et al, United States District Court, Central District, Case Number CIV 86 4432 FFF (PX).
4. Torrance Investment Company v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C608638.
5. Andrew Serrano v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 69135.

Potential litigation involving a slope failure resulting in damage to real property located at 4730 Via Corona and 4539 Vista Largo. This closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (1).

The City Council will also recess to closed session to

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discuss the status of the sale of the City-owned sump known as the Victor Precinct Sump, also known as the Spencer Street Sump. This closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 54956.8.

Also pursuant to the provisions of Section 54956.8, the City Council will be discussing the status of the Airport Plaza development lease.

The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation for certain employee groups. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54957.6.

Councilman Applegate said he would abstain from consideration of Torrance Investment Company and Lincoln Property matters for reasons of record and would absent himself from the meeting room during that discussion.

At 8:10 p.m., Mayor Geissert announced that the City Council would take a ten minute recess at the end of which it would convene in Executive Session to discuss the above stated matters.

The City Council reconvened at 10:14 p.m.; and, having been in Executive Session for the purposes outlined, took the following action.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the matter of Andrew Serrano v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 69135. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At Mayor Geissert's request, City Clerk Wilson read title to...

RESOLUTION NO. 86-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 20, 1986 TO JULY 1, 1987 INCLUDING CERTAIN CHANGES CONTAINED THEREIN

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-201. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

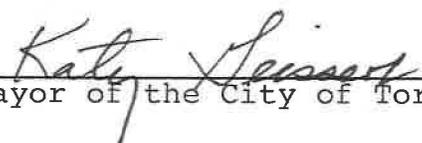
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23. ADJOURNMENT:

The business of the evening having been completed, Mayor Geissert entertained a motion for adjournment.

MOTION: At 10:16 p.m. Councilman Walker moved to adjourn the meeting to August 19, 1986, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers. Councilman Applegate seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance


 Clerk of the City of Torrance

Marlene Lewis
 Minute Secretary

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